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Dear Members:

We would like to draw your attention to a new and important development within the family medicine research community in Canada. The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has provided funding to develop a Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN). CPCSSN has been developed to provide data about chronic disease in Canada. Information about chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, osteoarthritis, COPD, and depression come from data sources that often do not include primary care which is where people with these problems receive most of their medical care. The development of a Canadian primary care surveillance network is an opportunity to collect information on chronic disease that would contribute to the greater understanding of chronic disease that will provide a more accurate and robust picture of the burden of these diseases in the Canadian population. This information will be of use to family doctors, health planners and governments as the prevalence of these disorders increase as our population becomes older. This project has some unique features in that it will initially bring together 7 primary care research networks (PCRNs) who will work exclusively with practices having electronic medical records. Participating PCRNs are:

APBRN - Memorial University Department of Family Medicine
Quebec Network - UdeMontréal, U. Laval, et U. Sherbrooke les Départements de médecine familiale

CSPC - Queen's University Department of Family Medicine
NORTReN - University of Toronto Department of Family & Community Medicine

DELPHI - University of Western Ontario Department of Family Medicine

SAPCRen - University of Calgary Department of Family Medicine

AFPRN - Alberta College of Family Physicians & University of Alberta Department of Family Medicine

This 7-month pilot project funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada through the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) will develop the network including governance, organization, privacy issues and challenges in practice recruitment, disease definition and data capture.

Congratulations to the seven networks who have partnered with the CFPC and the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) to take on this proof in principle pilot investigation. Read the [Development of the Canadian](#)

Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network for more information.

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Research News

Development of the Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN): Birtwhistle RV, Lambert-Lanning A, Grava Gubins I, Manca D, Drummond N, Griever M, Stewart M, Godwin M, Lussier M-T, Rosser W.

Background: The CPCSSN is a pilot initiative aimed at testing the feasibility of a national primary care sentinel surveillance system using regionally linked practice networks which use electronic medical records (EMRs). The pilot will be run in seven (7) primary care research networks (PCRNs) within in four provinces [Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, and Newfoundland].

Objective: The objectives of this pilot are closely linked to the Public Health Agency of Canada's (PHAC) enhanced surveillance program to increase the use of existing data sources for chronic disease surveillance. The project will develop a governance and organization for existing PCRNs to conduct surveillance for the following chronic diseases: hypertension, diabetes, osteoarthritis, COPD, and depression. **Methods:** This network will provide a robust and accurate data source for chronic disease surveillance over time. In the pilot phase the CPCSSN will develop appropriate standards and policies for patient and physician privacy, ethical recruitment, sample size, data collection, analysis and reports from a pan-Canadian network of primary care practices. CPCSSN will also develop appropriate and secure IT applications for data capture and transfer of EMR chronic disease information to a central data repository for eventual pan-Canadian data analysis. **Expected outcomes:** Establishment of a pan-Canadian sentinel network of primary care practices for the study of chronic disease. Development of partnerships in primary health care between the seven PCRNs engaged in recruiting sentinel practices, The *College of Family Physicians of Canada's (CFPC) National Research System (NaReS)*, and the *Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI)*. This collaboration is a clear opportunity to enhance capacity for public health chronic disease surveillance in the settings in which much of the chronic disease care is delivered in Canada and provide new information about the health of Canadians that has not been effectively utilized before.

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**National Physician Survey
Results for Medical Students
and Residents available:**

Results of the 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS) for medical students and residents

were released on April 28, 2008. You will find a Media Release and more detailed summary of the 2007 student and resident results, as well as tabular results for all survey questions, at www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca. The final official release of 2007 NPS results according to individual specialties will be released in the near future. After all releases are complete, individual requests for data analyses specific to your areas of interest will be accepted, and a sample of the record-level data will subsequently be made available to researchers for study purposes. Inquiries about NPS 2007 may be directed to Sarah Scott, NPS Coordinator at sscott@cfpc.ca or 1-800-387-6197 ext 289.



NPS results among family physicians and other specialists at the national level and the provincial/territorial level were released earlier in the year, and can be accessed at www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca. For a quick look at the topics covered on the questionnaire [click here](#).

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* **University of British Columbia (UBC) looking for New Community Researchers:** The **UBC Family Practice Research Department** is looking for New Community Researchers-including family physicians, community-based healthcare practitioners and researchers in BC-who want to apply research in their practices but have limited time to spend on innovative but relatively straightforward study requiring little financial commitment. Funding is available for small in-clinic projects, short studies, "lit reviews", etc., under the mentorship of current Community-Based Clinician Investigators

(CBCIs) . For more information, call David J. Adams at (604) 827-4185, or by fax at (604) 827-4184.

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Healthcare Papers revisits Primary Health Care Renewal: *Healthcare Papers*, a Longwoods journal, has revisited **Primary Health Care Renewal in Canada in their current 2008 issue - volume 8 issue #2**, nearly a decade after the journal was launched with an issue devoted to the same subject based on a paper by Walter Rosser and Jan Kasperski. The current issue features the views of lead author Brian Hutchison, eminently qualified to provide an overview of events in primary care in Canada over the past 10 years, and other contributors who respond to his views. *Healthcare Papers* attempts to bridge the gap between the world of academia and the world of healthcare management and policy.

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Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health (IAPH) - Aboriginal Health Research Mentors Needed: This summer, CIHR is proud to support Actua, a national charitable organization, in delivering health and life science activities to Aboriginal youth as part of CIHR's Synapse youth outreach program. This July and August, Actua will be hosting weeklong summer science camps which will engage Aboriginal youth between the ages of 7 and 12 in innovative and fun hands-on activities that show them how science and technology are related to everyday life. CIHR and Actua would like to invite health researchers, postdoctoral fellows, and doctoral students of Aboriginal descent, or working in the area of Aboriginal health, to visit the camp(s) as a mentor. [Click here](#) for more information.

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The Giblon Professorship in Family Medicine-Family Medicine Research Director: The Department of Family and Community Medicine (DFCM), University of Toronto, invites applications for the position of Giblon Professor in Family Medicine and Family Medicine Research Director. The successful candidate will be a recognized researcher who has attained a stature appropriate to appointment at the University of Toronto with the rank of Associate or Full Professor, and will possess a record of success in providing leadership, vision and strategic direction in an area of research relevant to family medicine/primary care. The Director will facilitate a culture of mentorship and play a pivotal role in building strong, collaborative relationships between our affiliated teaching

hospitals, health care disciplines, and Government and community agencies. The Research Director will be supported in continuing his/her research program. Visit <http://dfcm.med.utoronto.ca> for additional information on the department. Forward applications to Professor Lynn Wilson, Chair, Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Toronto, 263 McCaul Street, 5th Floor, Toronto, ON M5T 1W7 by June 20, 2008, or to k.ayre@utoronto.ca.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

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**** Orientations for the Development of Integrated Family Medical Groups and Network Clinics:** This document presents the principal orientations for the implementation of the Montréal primary care patient management model. This model calls for the development of multidisciplinary teams comprised of general practitioners and other health care professionals, who will manage a registered patient population.

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* / ** **EQUATOR Network - Enhancing the QUALity and Transparency Of health Research:** The **EQUATOR Network** is an initiative that seeks to improve the quality of scientific publications by promoting transparent and accurate reporting of health research. The EQUATOR Network is funded by the NHS National Knowledge Service and National Institute for Health Research.

Conference Opportunities

Family Medicine Forum 2008 (FMF)

November 27 - 29, 2008



Research Day
is
Wednesday, November 26, 2008.

For more information, go to: **FMF 2008**

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Nominations for the **Family Medicine Resident Research Awards** and the **Family Medicine Resident Awards for Scholarship** are due on June 1, 2008.

Our annual Section of Researchers Dinner and Research Awards presentations will take place at **Casa Loma, the famous castle** on the hill. Stay tuned; more details will be available soon!

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* The **North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG)** will hold its 2008 Annual Meeting November 15 - 19, 2008, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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** **Knowledge Management in Public Health: Exploring Culture, Content, Process and Technology:** The National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools (NCCMT) is pleased to announce a conference on knowledge management on November 4, 2008 in Hamilton, Ontario. This one-day conference is being designed for managers, policy-makers and people in knowledge management or translation roles in public health at the local, provincial and federal levels. The program is organized around the following four themes: culture, content, process and technology. **Click here** for more information.

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* **International Conference on Early Disease Detection and Prevention:** You are invited to participate in the international conference on **Early Disease Detection and Prevention** (EDDP), which will be held from January 21 - 25, 2009, in Bangkok, Thailand. The conference will focus on cardiovascular (cardiac and hypertension), metabolic (diabetes) and renal diseases. Deadline for submission of abstracts is September 1, 2008.

Research Funding Opportunities

CIHR Funding Opportunities:

Catalyst Grant: Prevention and Treatment of Illicit Substance Use. Registration deadline: 2008-06-01

Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grants:

- **End of Grant Knowledge Translation Supplement (2007-2008).** Application Deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Global Health.** Application Deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Aboriginal Health (2007-2008).** Application deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Aging (2007-2008).** Application deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Circulatory and Respiratory Health (2007-2008).** Application deadline: 2008-06-02
- **End of Grant Knowledge Translation Supplement (2007-2008).** Application deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Nutrition Metabolism and Diabetes (2007-2008).** Application Deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Cancer Research (2007-2008).** Application Deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Ethics (2007-2008).** Application deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Genetics (2007-2008).** Application deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Health Services and Policy Research (2007-2008).** Application deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (2007-2008).** Application Deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Partnerships and Citizen Engagement.** Application Deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Reproductive and Child Health (2007-2008).** Application Deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Infection and Immunity (2007-2008).** Next application Deadline: 2008-06-02
- **Knowledge Translation (2007-2008).** Application Deadline: 2008-06-02

Other: Gender, Mental Health and Addictions. LOI
Deadline: 2008-06-02

Other: Travel Awards in Aging (2007-2008). Application
deadline: 2008-06-02

Other: Institute Community Support Grants and Awards.
Deadline: Various

Prize: Partnerships (The CIHR Partnership Award).
Application Deadline: 2008-06-02

Master's Award: Public Health (2007-2008) (Public Health

Professional Master's Awards Program). Application deadline:
2008-06-16

Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH) Travel Awards for Students and Post-Doctoral Fellows: Next application deadline is June 15th.

Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH) Workshop Funding Program (New Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grants)
Next application deadline: June 2nd.

Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH) Lectureships in Reproductive and Child Health: Next application deadline: June 1.

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* available in English only.